



# MINUTES

## NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, AND ENVIRONMENT INTERIM COMMITTEE

Monday, September 16, 2019 | 10:00 a.m. | 3430 Danish Rd., Cottonwood Heights, UT

**Members Present:**

Rep. Scott H. Chew  
Rep. Jennifer Dailey-Provost  
Rep. Susan Duckworth  
Rep. Joel Ferry  
Sen. David P. Hinkins  
Rep. Phil Lyman  
Sen. Ralph Okerlund, Chair  
Rep. Carl R. Albrecht  
Rep. Casey Snider  
Rep. Keven J. Stratton, Chair  
Rep. Logan Wilde

**Members Absent:**

Sen. Allen M. Christensen  
Rep. Timothy D. Hawkes  
Sen. Jani Iwamoto  
Rep. Michael K. McKell  
Rep. Calvin R. Musselman  
Sen. Scott D. Sandall  
Rep. Mike Schultz  
Rep. Christine F. Watkins

**Staff Present:**

Mr. J Brian Allred, Policy Analyst  
Ms. Patricia Owen, Associate General Counsel  
Ms. Sidnee Bailey, Administrative Assistant

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at [www.le.utah.gov](http://www.le.utah.gov).

### 1 . Metropolitan Water District Offices Board Room

Chris McCandless, Chair, Central Wasatch Commission, welcomed the committees and called for introductions from everyone present.

Sen. Okerlund expressed appreciation on behalf of the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim Committee.

Rep. Stratton expressed appreciation on behalf of the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim Committee and the Federalism Commission, discussed the purpose of the site visit, and discussed a few housekeeping items.

Chris McCandless provided a brief history and purpose of the Central Wasatch Commission.

Laura Briefer, Director, Salt Lake City Public Utilities, provided a brief overview and history of Salt Lake City Public Utilities.

Dave Whittkiend, Supervisor, Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest, discussed visitation and recreation use levels of the tri-canyon area and the challenges the use creates.

Ralph Becker, Executive Director, Central Wasatch Commission, provided history of legislation impacting the area and an overview of the Mountain Accord.

John Thomas, Project Manager, Utah Department of Transportation, discussed the challenges on Wasatch Blvd.

### 2 . Snowbird Resort, Snowbird Center Plaza Deck, Tram Loading Area

Dave Fields, General Manager, Snowbird, pointed out land exchange areas and discussed challenges in Little Cottonwood Canyon.

Wayne Neiderhauser, Central Wasatch Commission, discussed avalanche prevention and clean-up systems and solutions as well as the option of tolling traffic through the canyon.



Chris McCandless discussed efforts to produce the draft federal legislation.

Dr. Kelly Bricker, Vice Chair, Central Wasatch Commission Stakeholder Council, discussed challenges in the canyons.

Ralph Becker provided details of the land exchange.

### **3 . Solitude Mountain Resort Entrance One, Moonbeam Lodge**

Kim Mayhew, Executive Manager, Solitude Resort, discussed transportation challenges in Big Cottonwood Canyon.

Randy Doyle, Executive Manager, Brighton Resort, discussed challenges in Big Cottonwood Canyon.

Carl Fisher, Executive Director, Save Our Canyons, discussed conservation issues in the canyon.